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INFORM CONSULS

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SUBJECT: SECURITY PROTECTION AFFORDED PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS
AT OVERSEAS POSTS

FOR THE AMBASSADOR OR PRINCIPAL OFFICER FROM DEPUTY UNDER
SECRETARY EAGLEBURGER

1. SINCE THE PASSAGE OF THE TERRORISM BUDGET AMENDMENT IN
FY-74, THE DEPARTMENT HAS PLACED GREAT EMPHASIS ON IMPROV-
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ING SECURITY AT FOREIGN SERVICE POSTS. EQUIPMENT ACQUISI-

TION, BUILDING AND OFFICE SPACE MODIFICATIONS, SECURITY STAFF INCREASES AND OTHER MEASURES HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED WITH THE FULL COOPERATION OF AMBASSADORS, PRINCIPAL OFFICERS, AND ADMINISTRATIVE AND SECURITY PERSONNEL.

2. WE FEEL IT IS NOW APPROPRIATE TO TAKE STOCK OF THIS PROGRAM. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU TO CONDUCT A BROAD, IN-DEPTH REVIEW OF THE SECURITY POSTURE OF YOUR POST NOW, IN LIGHT OF CHANGES MADE IN THE LAST TWO YEARS. YOUR CANDID IDENTIFICATION OF THE STRENGTHS AND REMAINING WEAKNESSES IN YOUR ABILITY TO PREVENT OR DEFEND AGAINST TERRORIST ACTIVITY WILL BE HELPFUL IN DETERMINING THE PROPER FUTURE FOCUS OF OUR EFFORTS TO BACKSTOP YOU EFFECTIVELY IN THIS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT AREA.

3. DURING DISCUSSIONS AND REVIEW OF THE RECENT SEIZURE OF OUR EMBASSY AT KUALA LUMPUR, IT BECAME APPARENT THAT, DESPITE OUR EFFORTS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF OUR PEOPLE AND PREMISES, THE QTE PUBLIC ACCESS UNQTE AREAS OF MANY OF OUR FACILITIES REMAIN PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE. IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THE BEST POSSIBLE PROTECTION, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT ALL FOREIGN SERVICE POSTS GIVE EARLY AND DETAILED STUDY TO SECURITY CONTROLS AFFECTING ACCESS TO CONSULAR SECTIONS, COMMERCIAL AND USIS LIBRARIES AND OTHER PUBLIC AREAS. IN REVIEWING ITS DEFENSIVE POSTURE IN THIS REGARD, POSTS SHOULD ENLIST THE ASSISTANCE AND/OR ADVICE OF THEIR REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICER OR TECHNICAL SECURITY OFFICE. METHODS SHOULD BE FOUND TO SECURE ENTRYWAYS RAPIDLY IF NECESSARY, AND TO THE EXTENT FEASIBLE, PREVENT ADVANCEMENT OF HOSTILE ELEMENTS INTO OTHER PARTS OF THE INSTALLATION ONCE ENTRY IS EFFECTED. IN THIS REGARD NO PART OF OUR OFFICIAL PREMISES ABROAD SHOULD BE CONSIDERED EXPENDABLE FROM THE STANDPOINT OF VULNERABILITY TO TERRORIST ATTACK AND ALL PRUDENT MEASURES SHOULD BE TAKEN FOR THEIR PROTECTION.

4. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PERSONAL ATTENTION TO THIS EVALUATION OF YOUR POST'S PHYSICAL SECURITY. A CLEAR INDICATION OF CONCERN AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS WILL HELP TO ENSURE THAT COMPREHENSIVE, THOUGHTFUL REPORTS OF THIS RELIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VIEW ARE BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION PROMPTLY. WHEN YOUR REPORTS POINT OUT WEAKNESSES IN THE POST'S DEFENSE, I ASSURE YOU THAT EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO ELIMINATE THEM QUICKLY. KISSINGER

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